

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

EDITED BY AUNT BUSY

DIRECTIONS FOR LETTER WRITING.

Write on one side of paper only. Do not have letters too long. Address all letters to "Aunt Busy," Intermountain Catholic.

Ogden, Utah, May 4, 1900.

Dear Aunt Busy:

I heard my papa reading about the terrible mine accident at Scofield. I think it is just terrible, so many little orphans left without their dear papa. I only wish we had a great big home in charge of the Sisters for all of them poor children. It was very kind of Bishop Scantlan to offer a home for many as could be cared for. I will send my little gift with this letter for their poor children and all nephews and nieces will give something. May the Lord have mercy on the souls and the poor men that were killed. Your loving niece,

GENEVIEVE McCARDIE.

Dear Aunt Busy, your beautiful letter will touch the hearts of many, besides the nephews and nieces who write to Aunt Busy. Rev. Bishop has a fine home nearly complete now, with the Good Sisters in charge for any of the little fatherless children. The money you sent has been placed in the \$2,000 fund started for the orphans. Aunt Busy is going to send them this week's paper that they may know about the tender, generous heart of one of Aunt Busy's little nieces.

Ogden Utah, May 1, 1900.

Dear Aunt Busy:

You have more than one niece in Ogden, and I was to write long ago, but really, dear Auntie, my little girls have been kept very busy like our Aunt Busy in Salt Lake City. You know we have to help dear Father Cushman build his choir. He likes us and we like him ever so much. We often speak of you and wish you would visit us, we are so anxious to see you. I go to St. Joseph's school and I am in the Third reader. We have a lovely little altar for our Blessed Mother during May in our class room. Goodbye, with love from all your Ogden nieces to you and dear Nelly Dorsey, whom we fondly remember.

MARGUERITE McNULTY.

Well, well! At last Aunt Busy's Ogden nieces are beginning to write to her! Yes, Aunt Busy knows that little Ogden girls are busy, but try to spare a few minutes for her. She hopes to see you all some day. Dear Father Cushman is surely proud of his boys and girls, who love him so dearly. Aunt Busy is glad to know that you remember our Blessed Mother.

Denver Colo., April 29, 1900.

Dear Aunt Busy:

As there is not very many letters from Denver, I thought I would write. I go to the Sacred Heart school and I am in the Third grade. The Utah children's letters were in the paper and I liked them, they are so short that it does not take me long to read them. We take The Intermountain Catholic and I like to read it. Now dear Aunt Busy my letter is getting pretty long so I must close. From your loving niece,

MARGARET RYAN.

Write soon again, my dear Aunt Busy. The Utah nephews and nieces will be glad to read your kind words from them. Aunt Busy loves to hear from her Colorado boys and girls.

Dear Aunt Busy:

Colorado Springs, May 6, 1900.

I have seen so many letters in The Intermountain Catholic I thought I would write a letter. I am 9 years old, I have a sister 3 years old and another sister 2 years old. I have a brother 4 months old. I will close my letter.

Aunt Busy is glad to hear from another nephew in Colorado. Write a longer letter next time, John, and tell Aunt Busy your sister's and brother's names.

Salt Lake City, May 6, 1900.

Dear Aunt Busy:

I have wanted for some time to write to you, but I don't know how to write you that's why I don't know what to write, and I am 11 years old. I have two brothers and one sister. Now I will tell you what mamma gives me when I am not quiet as good as I could be, then she boxes my ears and then puts me to work, and then I hurry through with my work, and then I go out to play. Now, Aunt Busy, my letter is getting too long and I must stop, goodbye, from your niece,

GERTRUDE DEBERHCKS.

Aunt Busy has enjoyed reading your very original letter, Gertrude. Do you know what original means? Aunt Busy hopes that for the future you will never have your ears boxed because you will always be good. Write soon.

JOHNNY'S COURAGE.

"I don't suppose, mother, little folks like me can do very much in this world. It don't seem as if I could do much good." And Mrs. Tompkins' 10-year-old Johnny planted his chin on the palm of his chubby little hand and looked up into her face.

She smiled and gave Johnny a pleasant look as she suspended the play of her bright knitting needles.

"I shouldn't agree with you there," she said, "Johnny. Little folks can do so much in themselves, but add God's strength to a little boy's weakness, and I think one can do a great deal."

Johnny sat in silence a little while, looking into the crackling open wood fire, and then said his prayers and went to bed.

The next day, on the edge of the station, Johnny was down at the station.

Boom, boom, rattle, rattle, ding, ding, choo, choo—oh! they had a noisy time, the cars and the locomotives, dashing about whistling and ringing! Trains were coming and going at a great rate. In a little while it was more quiet, and then came the train of which Johnny's father was conductor. Johnny called out: "Here I am, father!" And as loud as a man wearing a blue cap, decked with gilt stars, to get hold of Johnny's hand, Mr. Tompkins, when the passengers had gone, stepped back into the cars, and Johnny went with him.

"Stay here, Johnny, in this seat, and I will come after you." And Mr. Tom-

turing to cross it. He was at her side in a minute. He took her packages and one of her arms.

"Let me help you across, please," he said, as courteously as if addressing an old lady of his own station. "It isn't pleasant, but there's no danger."

He smiled into the poor worried old face reassuringly. When they were across, the boy said kindly: "Is all right now, madam? Can you get home alone?"

"Yes, I'll get along without any trouble, and I—"

She was about to express her heartfelt thanks, but the boy, lifting his hat with a parting bow, said "Good-bye," and was gone.

"JUST LET IT HURT!"

We were hunting among the Tennessee mountains and came upon a log cabin on a sunny southern slope. The only evidences of prosperity were to be found in a brood of tow-headed little children who were scampering about the dooryard. The oldest was a sturdy lad of 12 or 13. He told us his own name in answer to our query, and then we asked him that of a little shaver of 5 or 6, who was tagging him around like a shadow.

"His name? He ain't got no name. We just call him Monkey. That's his name—just Monkey, and he's mean!"

"What does he do?"

"Bothers! Bothers dad and mam and all the young ones and me. He bothers me when I work and when I play."

"Do you have to work?"

"Work? Well, I should say. I cut all the wood that's cut for this here place."

He was a worker, sure enough; but when he heard the guns go off, he went off with them. He followed us over hill and vale, through forest and clearing, through stubble fields and bramble patches. As he emerged from one of those tangled masses of blackberry bushes which are so common in that region, I noticed that his little bare shins from his knee to his ankle were just streaming with blood.

"Where?" said I, sympathetically.

"That's nothing."

"Don't it hurt?"

"Hurt? You bet it hurts!"

"What are you going to do about it?"

"Do? I ain't a-goin' to do nothin' but 'jest let it hurt!"

Now, that is just the kind of stuff that makes men!

"Just let it hurt." Don't squeal, don't kick, don't put up your lip; but 'jest let it hurt.' It is not such a bad education as some others for a boy to stumble barefooted around a farm or through a country village. I pity the boy who has never done it. Some of the little shavers one sees around our city streets almost seem to have been born with their shoes on. The thumps and scratches which barefooted boys have to take are good things for them in the long run, although they are no fun at the time. When a little fellow is out after quail or speckled trout, and gets about five miles from his mother and her amica, and then tears the hide off his legs or knocks the nail off his toe, the very best thing he can do is to "jest let it hurt!"

And, for that matter, it is the best thing a boy, after he has grown to be a man and come to wear 7 shoes, can do in most of the troubles of life. There are a lot of things that are not so good as a barefooted boy's education. I have been looking for them industriously ever since I lost the first tooth! And the sharpest and most careful man cannot dodge them all! Emergencies will come when he who has been used to creeping carefully around the thorny place will have to plunge recklessly through, and he who has been always looking down for stones will have to just look up and wildly take his chance. Scattered, and bruised he will be, and the only question of any importance is how he is going to take it?

Some of us set up a mighty howl of complaint. Some of us settle down into a state of sullen and silent rebellion. Some of us go whining around for other people's consolation and sympathy. Some of us are like my Tennessee mountaineer grown to manhood, who straightens himself up, puts on a cheerful smile and "jest lets it hurt!"

Those are the kind of people we admire and love to be. It will be many a day before I forget the sight of those bleeding legs and the stern, but cheerful face of the little Tennesseean.

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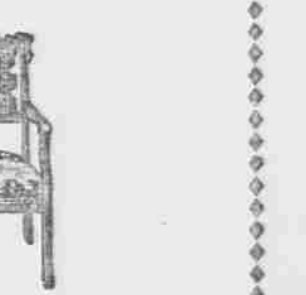
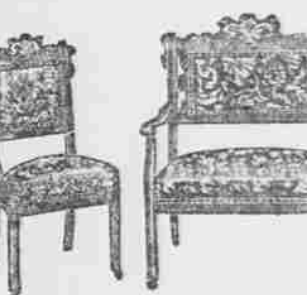
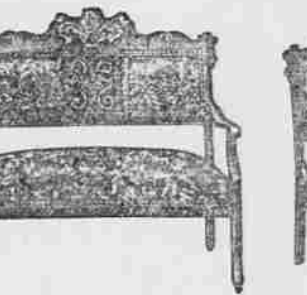
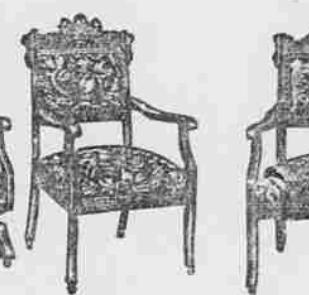
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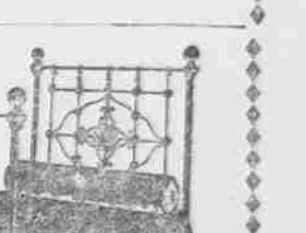
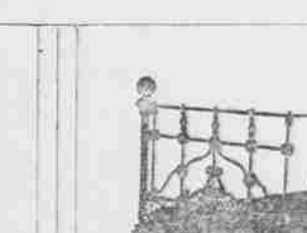
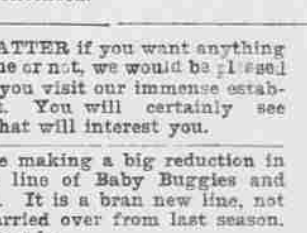
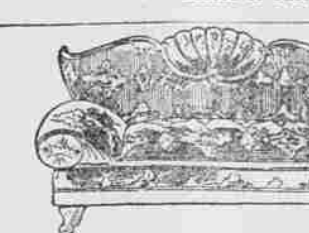
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